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WILL'UM KAISER

With Acknowledgments to Kipling.
(And humble apologies to Danny Deever)

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"Wot's all the bands a playin' for?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"To turn you out, to turn you out," the Color-Sergeant said.
"Wot makes you look so gay, so gay?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"I'm thinkin' wot I'm going to see," the Color-Sergeant said.
"For they're hangin' Will'um Kaiser, you can hear the Dead March play.
The Allies is in 'ollow square—they're hangin' 'im today,
They've taken of his 'elmet off, an' his medals all away,
An' they're hangin' Will'um Kaiser in the mornin'."

"Wot makes the rear rank laugh so 'ard?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"The Kaiser's cold, the Kaiser's cold," the Color-Sergeant said.
"Wot makes the front shake its sides?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"They're feelin' good; they're feelin' good," the Color-Sergeant said.
"They are hangin' Will'um Kaiser, they are draggin' of 'im round,
They 'ave 'alted Will'um Kaiser by a hole dug in the ground
An' he'll swing in 'arf a minute for a baby-killin' hound,
O they're hangin' Will'um Kaiser in the mornin'."

"It's hell that he was kin o' mine," says Hyphen-on-Parade.
He'll be sleepin' down below tonight," the Color-Sergeant said.
"I've toasted 'im a thousand times," says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"The devil 'as his innin's now," the Color-Sergeant said.
"They're hangin' Will'um Kaiser, you must mark 'im to his place.
For he's killed a lot o' babies—he can't look you in the face,
For thinkin' of the shame he's brought on all the human race,
While they're hangin' Will'um Kaiser in the mornin'."

"Wot's that's so black agin the sun?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"It's Will'um fightin' 'ard for life," the Color Sergeant said.
"What's that that whimpers over 'ead?" says Hyphen-on-Parade.
"His rotten soul is passin' now," the Color-Sergeant said.
"For they're done with Will'um Kaiser, you can hear the quickstep play;
The Allies are in column an' they're marchin' proud an' gay.
The world is breathin' easy; it'll jollify today,
After hangin' Will'um Kaiser in the mornin'."